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Dear Paul,

I wrote Ivon a hasty note this a.m. and forgot to make a carbon for you. In it I quoted CD7:701, the summary of CD 75, suggesting it is possible that refers to the suppressed FBI O'Sullivan interview of that approximate date, quoted the Archives letter to me on the withholdings, referred to the DPD files to establish the NOPD Intel Unit had an inv of LHO before the assags, and asked for this, the ditto of Ferrie (CD7:701), of any notes or memos Kohlman may have made and left, etc. None of this is new except your potentially very important thing in the CD75 summary. In the past they've just not gone to the trouble of looking, however, since then I've sent them the connection between O'Sullivan and "Abie Badueex (which is to say Benister). This may overcome Louis's personal liking for O'Sullivan. They had O'S in and questioned him long ago. But, I am familiar with their interrogations. If they ever snook a single thing out of a single person, I have no knowledge. When they got something it was either because it was volunteered or because the witnesses was terrified to begin with. They just were not prepared for this kind of work and didn't have the factual knowledge required for it.

We'll see.

Meanwhile, if I haven't asked it, whenever anyone goes over the indexes, I'd appreciate any reference to O'Sullivan, including as Francis rather than Fred.

I don't think I've forgotten it, but if I have, I want you to know that I very much appreciate the copies of COUP (both) and the trouble you went to. Today I will be sending a set to a well-connected and well-disposed former reporter who has gone back to college to get a doctorate in lit and who has helped me much in the past. He phoned for them last night.

But is it not tragic that after the N.O. fiasco the basic work there remains to be done? If I'd have known of that CD75 summary when I was working there, I'd never have been content to ignore this aspect when I couldn't develop any office interest in it. What I got from Philip that so very much relates I also got at the very end of my time there and again could not get them interested. I wish I could get that and the related tapes transcribed. Shaw's closest pal seduced him, apparently using Shaw's car on at least one occasion. And O's did kidnap him, telling him it was for Garrison. The mother was in on this and confirmed it. Hurriedly,